Kerala recognition of Trade Union Bill, 2007

976. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the competent authority of Kerala during November 2007 had submitted "Kerala Recognition of Trade Union Bill, 2007" for the concurrence of the competent authority of Central Government.

(b) if so, the details and action taken on the above submission;

(c) whether there is any delay in initiating action on the above bill;

(d) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(e) if not, the details and status of above bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala has forwarded the Kerala Recognition of Trade Union Bill, 2007 for obtaining the approval of the Government of India for its introduction in the State Legislature. The said Bill has been received in this Ministry on 7.11.2007. On receipt the Bill has been circulated to concerned administrative Ministries for examination from the three angles *viz.* (a) repugnancy with Central Laws, (b) deviation from National or Central Policy and (c) legal and Constitutional validity.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Ministry of Labour and Employment has made observations on the Bill. The clarifications of the State Government on these observations have been referred to the Ministry of Labour and Employment for further consideration.

Communal clashes in States/cities

977. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been communal clashes in several States/cities of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken action against those responsible for instigating the violence; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per available information, there have been 855 incidents of communal nature till November this year in various States/cities of the country.